

Kidblog is designed specifically for elementary and middle school teachers who want to provide each student with their own blog. It's free, uncluttered, ad-free, easy to set up and private by default. Teachers remain in control. No information is collected from students and student email is not needed.

Use blogging to motivate student to reflect, write, share, collaborate, and so much more. Let's check it out!

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For the Teacher:

Set up a teacher account /Creating a Class

www.kidblog.org

1. →



Click to Create a Class

2. →

Create Your Free Account

Fill out this single-page form and you'll be instantly logged-in to your new class!

(Already have an account? [Log in first](#), then add class sections to your account.)

Username

Password

Repeat Password

Email

(You'll receive your Kidblog class information here.)

Class Name

(e.g. Mrs. Anderson's Class)

Verification Code

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By clicking the button below, you agree to the [Terms of Service](#)

Create Class »

The class name is the blog name. Keep it simple!

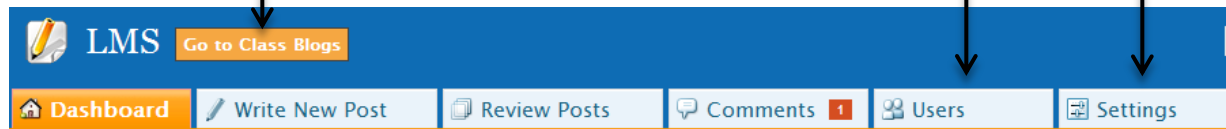


Kidblog Control Panel

To view the blog, click on "Go to Class Blog"

Add, edit, and view users.

Set privacy and security settings.



When on the "Dashboard" tab, class stats are visible. There are 2 posts pending and one comment waiting. Double click on "Pending Post" or "Waiting" to approve, edit or delete posts and comments.

Recent Activity

View All Classes

Create a New Class

Click to create more than one class.

Class Statistics	
Posts	Comments
1 Published Post	3 Comments
2 Pending Posts	1 Waiting
0 Drafts	2 Approved
Theme Kidblog Blue Change Theme	
Storage Space » Manage Files	
100MB Available	0MB (0%) Used

Recent Comments

Comments RSS

From Linda C on **JOY!** [Pending]
Snow days!

From Marsha on **JOY!**
Having Carol Bartolac visit our school! X 5

From Linda C on **JOY!**
Working with Carol Bartolac! X 5

[View all](#)

Recently Pu

JOY!
by Mrs. B - 6

Review Posts

All (3) | Published (1) | **Pending Review (2)** | Trash (1)


Bulk Actions All Authors

Post	Author
<input type="checkbox"/> practice post	Linda C
Edit Approve Trash Preview	

Hover over name of post for options.



Privacy and Security

From the Control Panel, click on  **Settings**

Privacy Settings

Posts

Default settings

Who may read students' posts?

- ☐ All visitors (no password required)
- ☐ Class members and logged-in guests
- ☒ Class members only
- ☐ Teacher only

Good to check

Post Approval:

- ☐ Teacher must approve posts before they appear

Notify these users whenever a new post is awaiting approval or published:

- ☐ Mrs. B (cbartolac@bluevalleyk12.org)

Save Changes

Comments

Default settings

Who may leave comments on students' posts?

- ☐ All visitors (no password required)
- ☐ Class members and logged-in guests
- ☒ Class members only
- ☐ Teacher only

Comment Approval:

- ☒ Teacher must approve comments before they appear

Notify these users whenever a new comment is awaiting approval:

- ☐ Mrs. B (cbartolac@bluevalleyk12.org)

Add Users: Bulk Upload Method

Adding users can be done individually or as a bulk upload.

Bulk Upload Options:

To use **the bulk upload** option, you must first create a .csv file. Open Excel, type names in the first column, passwords in second column and save as CSV.

Sample excel file

	name	password
	A	B
1	Cherilee	S1
2	Cheryl	S2
3	Nancy	S3
4	Kara	S4
5	Debbie	S5

Save as: CSV file


File name:

Save as type:



Add users (continued)

Add Users: Bulk Upload (cont)

From the Control Panel, click on  **Users**, then on **Add Users to this Class**. Click bulk-create new users by uploading a "CSV" file.

1. Browse to find file created in earlier step.

CSV File


Class Membership

Process CSV File

3. Click

☒ Mrs. Bartolac's class

2. If you have more than one class, make sure you are in the right class.

To **add individual users**, click on  **Users**, enter information, and click on "add users." The username will be the name that shows on the blog. It is best to use first names and last initials.

Username

Password

Role

Class Membership ☒ Mrs. Bartolac's class

By default, users will be given the role of student. Click on the drop down arrow next to student to assign a role of teacher or moderator. This is especially helpful for a classroom aide or in a team teaching situations. Below are the default settings for these roles.

User Permissions

- "Teacher" Role** ☒ Teachers are allowed to create/edit other teachers
- "Moderator" Role** ☒ Moderators are allowed to edit/approve posts
- ☒ Moderators are allowed to edit/approve comments

When finished, click



Groups

Groups

If there are several groups of kids in one class working on different group projects, Kidblog “Groups” might be helpful.

To create groups, on the users tab, click on **Manage Groups**. Enter a descriptive group name and click on “Add Group.”

Add New Group **Add Group**

(e.g. “Blue Group”, “Group A”, “Catcher in the Rye”, etc.)

Add members to the group by clicking on “Add Members.” A list of class members appear. Click on the + in front of a name to add that student to the group. Click on the ✖ to remove a student from the group.

To edit a group name or delete a group, hover over the group name and choose edit or delete.

Groups [« Back to List of Students/Users](#)

Group updated.

Add New Group **I**

(e.g. “Blue Group”, “Group A”, “Catcher in the Rye”, etc.)

Group Name	Members
Catcher in the Rye	Add Members
Edit Delete	

Note: Deleting a group name does not delete users or posts in that group.

Once a group has been set up, kids viewing the blog can look at posts just by one person or filter to show just relevant groups.

Recent Posts Show **25** posts from **This Month** by **All Groups**

Title	Date	Author	Comments
NEW Welcome to Kidblog.org!	58 mins ago	smange	1

NOTE: Do not confuse “groups” with “classes.” It is possible to make multiple classes (for those who teach more than one class) with several groups in each class. It is not possible to create groups with students from different Kidblog classes.

For the kids...

Share the URL with students (find your blog URL by clicking on “Go to Class Blog” link at the top of the dashboard.) Students will click on the “log-in” link and then will see a drop-down list of names. Select a name and enter a password.



Username

Select Your Name

Select Your Name

Mrs. B

Katie

Megan

[Enter Username Manually](#)

Log In

Once logged in, students can browse the class blogs, create new posts and comments on other posts.

A Blog directory appears on the right side of the screen, allowing students to browse the class blogs and make comments.


BLOG DIRECTORY





Mrs. B










Katie

Megan

To add a new post, click on “New Post.” Give it a title and start typing. It is also possible to upload video, audio and text files from the computer.

 **Add New Post**

Add media:    

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Choose to “Save as Draft” or “Submit for Review.” NOTE: Submit for review will only show if the teacher has the blog set up so he/she has to approve all posts.

Publishing Options

Save as Draft **Preview**

Status: **Draft**

Submit for Review

Student posts and comments will not be visible on the blog until they are approved by the teacher (if the teacher has set up the blog to approve all posts and comments).

